

## House Resolution No. 190

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, James Shewey of Burlington Junction, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of his Ninety-sixth Birthday during an open house on January 9, 2005; and

**Whereas**, on January 9, 1909, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of James, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, James Shewey made his formal debut in 1909 along with such notable people as clarinetist and big band leader Benjamin David "Benny" Goodman, actress Katharine Houghton Hepburn, and entertainer Ethel Merman; and

**Whereas**, an individual who has lived during an era of incredible progress, James Shewey was born the same year that the Indianapolis Motor Speedway held its first race on a dirt track, William Howard Taft was inaugurated as the twenty-seventh president of the United States, and W.C. Handy wrote Memphis Blues; and

**Whereas**, James Shewey has been an eyewitness to numerous national and international events, many of which are familiar to others only through the pages of history; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 96, James Shewey is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to James Shewey at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for James Shewey, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brad Lager  
District No. 4

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 190, adopted January 20, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker